

Fast Food Fax

MAR 22, 2004

Trade sentiment ranged steady to instances firm Demand was moderate to fairly good. Breast items were in close balance and well cleared. Dark meat items were adequate to available. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Weights were mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Mar. 06, 2004

FOOD SERVICE/

	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	25,738	21,046	49,219	96,003
Percentage	27%	22%	51%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	2,974	3.10
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	5,551	5.78
3.81 - 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	11,303	11.77
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.l	5,910	6.16
		25,738	26.81

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	%* *
Jan 17	207,059	102	166,475	102	201,007	102	164,411	102	157,478	99
Jan 24	205,000	100	165,359	100	205,388	103	167,623	104	147,528	94
Jan 31	204,704	100	168,331	101	204,156	102	166,730	102	150,873	102
Feb 07	206,646	102	168,779	102	208,746	103	170,504	103	153,788	102
Feb 14	207,625	103	166,259	100	204,376	102	168,328	104	152,505	99
Feb 21	208,416	102	166,648	101	207,299	102	168,398	102	152,287	100
Feb 28	209,927	102	168,074	103	205,527	103	166,769	103	152,700	100
Mar 06	209,447	101	169,251	102	206,014	102	166,529	102	153,459	100
Mar 13	210,020	102	170,462	102	205,547	101	165,515	100	157,179	102

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 03/22/04

	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	75-77	76.39	75.58	51.41
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	71-74	73.69	72.16	51.12
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	78	78.15	78.24	67.66
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		76.52	75.30	58.01
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 73.25)		72.68	71.84	62.49
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		68.48	68.82	48.28

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	<u>Northeast (Delivered)</u>	<u>Southern States (FOB)</u>	<u>Georgia (FOB)</u>
	<u>03/19/04</u>	<u>03/19/04</u>	<u>03/22/04</u>
Breast - B/S	200.32	212.98	213.50
Tenderloins	210.35	238.62	241.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	111.50	107.10	113.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	33.02	31.03	34.50
Wings	124.38	127.08	127.00